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Soldier dies after APFT

Crystal Lewis Brown
Leader Staff

For the third time in two months, Fort Jackson has had to say goodbye to yet another member of its military family.

Raleigh, N.C.-native Pvt. Andrea Rosser, a Basic Combat Training Soldier with Company D, 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, died Saturday after collapsing during the two-mile run portion of an Army Physical Fitness Test. A memorial service was held for her Wednesday at the Daniel Circle Chapel.

Two other BCT Soldiers died late last month. The deaths are not related.

According to official reports, Rosser was running the last lap of the run when she began showing signs of "physical distress." Her drill sergeant and two other Soldiers assisted Rosser, who was conscious and alert, but unable to keep her balance. Company leaders called an ambulance, and though she was initially conscious and responsive, at some point while being treated by paramedics, she



Pvt. Rosser

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Gone country



Photo by Susanne Kappler

From left: Manny Medina, Jeff Potter, Stokes Nielson and Ryder Lee of The Lost Trailers entertain the crowd during Sunday's WCOS Loyal Listeners Concert at Hilton Field. The concert, hosted by Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, was free to the community and featured six acts. For more on the concert, see pages 20-21.

Burials at Fort Jackson National Cemetery close at hand

Susanne Kappler
Leader Staff

Hundreds of dignitaries, veterans and members of the community came together Sunday for the dedication of the Fort Jackson National Cemetery. The 585-acre property on which the cemetery is being constructed is located off Percival Road and was donated by Fort Jackson.

"This is a momentous day as we dedicate this hallow ground to our nation's veterans," said Brig. Gen. Bradley W. May, Fort Jackson commanding general. "Today also represents an example of Fort Jackson's commitment to partnering with the Department of Veterans Affairs to achieve a common goal: To serve and honor our nation's veterans."

Construction on the cemetery's 92-acre first phase began in July. When completed, the area will provide more than 6,700 gravesites and 2,000 columbarium niches, said Gene Linxwiler, Fort Jackson National Cemetery director. In addition, there will be an administration and public information center, public restrooms, a maintenance facility, a cemetery entrance area, committal shelters for

funeral services and a flag assembly area. The first burials are planned to take place in December.

"This is a great day for South Carolina; it's a great day for our veterans," said Rep. John Spratt, D-S.C. "I'm proud to have a small part in it. I'm glad to see this come to fruition."

William Tuerk, VA under secretary for memorial affairs, made reference to the long tradition of national cemeteries.

"Today, we give witness to a promise made and a commitment kept," Tuerk said. "It's a promise that was made at the height of the Civil War by President Abraham Lincoln when he ordered national resting places be established to honor, as he said, 'the Soldiers who shall have died in the service of the country.' It is a promise that is being kept here today with the dedication of Fort Jackson National Cemetery. Here, we continue and extend the proud legacy established in 125 national cemeteries."

For information on who is eligible for burial in a national cemetery, visit www.cem.va.gov. To make burial arrangements, call (800) 535-1117.

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From left: Rep. Joe Wilson, William Tuerk, under secretary for memorial affairs, Gene Linxwiler, Fort Jackson National Cemetery director, Col. Charles Murray, Medal of Honor recipient, and Rep. John Spratt unveil a plaque to dedicate the cemetery Sunday.

COMMANDERS' CORNER

From the Commanding General

CFC provides opportunity to make a difference



Brig. Gen. May

Great people do great things, and today I have about a half a million reasons to be proud of the great members of the Fort Jackson community.

I am referring to the more than \$550,000 that has been pledged so far in the first seven weeks of this year's Combined Federal Campaign, which began in September and runs through mid-December.

The Combined Federal Campaign, or CFC, is a wonderful opportunity for Soldiers and federal employees to show their heart-felt support for their favorite charities.

According to the U.S. Office of Person-

nel Management, the CFC mission is to promote and support philanthropy through a program that is employee-focused, cost-efficient, and effective in providing all federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for others.

CFC is the world's largest and most successful annual workplace charity campaign, with more than 300 CFC campaigns throughout the country and internationally to help to raise millions of dollars each year.

Pledges made by federal civilian, postal and military donors during the campaign season support eligible non-profit organizations that provide health and human service benefits throughout the world.

Our local program has 84 charities in the Midlands and more than 2,000 national and international charities that can be se-

lected as benefactors of our gifts.

Fort Jackson makes up a significant part of the Midlands Area CFC effort, which historically has been blessed with generous participation and a genuine willingness to reach out to the less fortunate.

For example, in 2007 the Midlands Area CFC raised nearly \$1.7 million, exceeding its goal by more than \$98,000. There were approximately 7,590 donors, who powered the team to a third-place finish in the nation and a prestigious National Performance Award.

I am proud to see so many of you open your hearts to improve the lives of others. By opening your hearts, you have truly made a huge difference for others.

And, by what I can see from the generosity that has been expressed so far, we are well under way to reach a new plateau

as we continue to support this wonderful cause.

The CFC's campaign theme this year is "Be a star in someone's life."

A person can pledge \$1, \$10, \$100, \$1,000 or more, it doesn't matter. If you haven't participated in the campaign in the past, there is no better time to start than in the present. Our goal is to get the word to every member of the Fort Jackson team so all employees, military members and contractors have the opportunity to support this tremendous endeavor.

You can make a difference in someone's future.

Victory Starts Here!

Note: For more information about CFC, contact the local team in Room 206 of the Strom Thurmond Building or call 751-2669.

Ask the Garrison Commander

Updating OMPFs; computer access in the library



Col. Dixon

Q I am a retired chief warrant officer 3; however, when I checked my Official Military Personnel File, the only data that is listed was when I was and enlisted Soldier. What do I need to do to update my file and fix the problem?

A You should contact the Human Resources Command, located in St Louis, Mo. To reach them, call (800) 318-5298, or visit vetrecs.archives.gov.

Q I have two orders in my OMPF for the same award, but they have different dates. How do I have the in-

correct order removed from my OMPF?

A You should contact your Military Personnel Office and have the incorrect order revoked. Your S-1 shop should provide a copy of the revocation for your OMPF.

Q Where can a Soldier or family member get access to a computer on Fort Jackson?

A There is a computer lab in the post library that can be accessed by Soldiers and authorized family members. It is open during the library's hours of operation and shuts down 15 minutes before the closing of the library. Soldiers and family members can access the Internet, check e-mail, do educational or mission-related training and li-

brary research. The lab is on the Fort Jackson network and computers are monitored by the Directorate of Information Management. Access to *MySpace*, social networking sites and chat areas is prohibited. You must remember that these are government computers.

Garrison Fact of the Week

Fort Jackson clubs are committed to making sure you arrive home safely. If you ever feel you have had too much to drink, they will provide free transportation home for you. Simply notify the club staff and they will make arrangements for you.

To submit questions to "Ask the Garrison Commander," call 751-5442, or e-mail Scott.Nahrwold@conus.army.mil.

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NEWS

Block Leave travel tickets on sale Monday

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For two weeks, the seemingly never-ending stream of hiking troops and the echoes of cadences will be conspicuously missing as more than 12,000 Basic Combat Training Soldiers head home for Victory Block Leave in December.

But as excited Soldiers prepare to purchase their tickets home, Fort Jackson officials are encouraging Soldiers to make their arrangements through the post travel agency.

Ticket sales for Block Leave, which is Dec. 18-Jan. 2, begin Monday and end Dec. 12.

Every year, Soldiers end up scrambling last minute to make changes for tickets purchased at off-post locations, said Donald Jackson, Victory Travel manager. Because Victory Travel knows shuttle service times, as well as the dates Soldiers can leave and return to post, Jackson said using the agency can save frustration and expense.

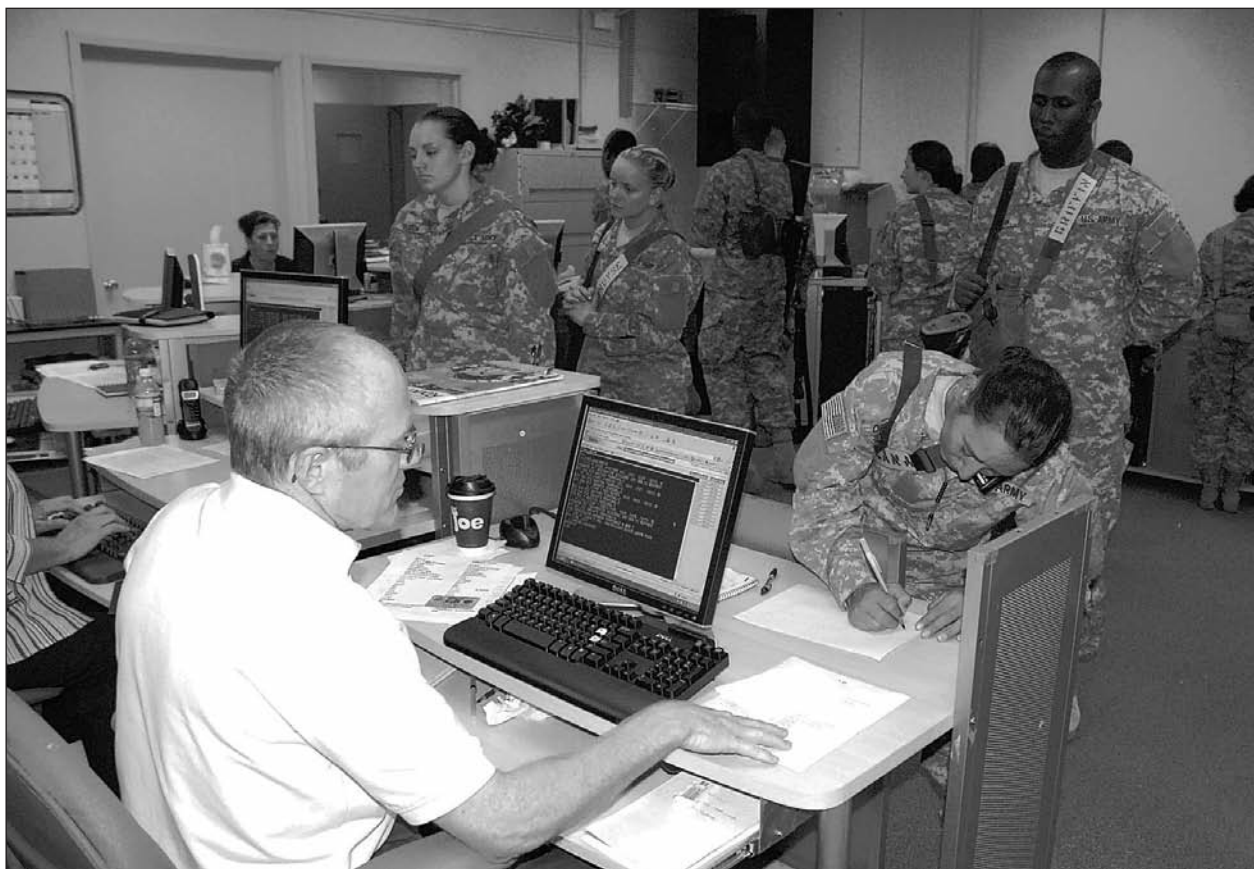
"Don't rely on going to the Internet and getting your own flights," he said. "To avoid any heartache for the Soldiers, the units have them deal with the on-base travel agency, which is us."

Maj. Dorothy Britt-McFadden, G-3 operations officer, agreed with Jackson, saying that Soldiers often come to Victory Travel to change flight dates or times. Though the agency does its best to help Soldiers remedy such situations, ticket changes can come at a hefty expense to the Soldiers or family members.

"It's hard sometimes for Victory Travel to get the fees waived," Britt-McFadden said.

She also recommends Soldiers have cash on hand when they come in for ticket sales to pay for any shuttle services they might need. Shuttle services will be provided for Soldiers traveling from the Columbia Metropolitan Airport, Charlotte International Airport or Atlanta-Hartsfield International Airport.

Bus transportation from Fort Jackson to the Charlotte airport is \$33 for one way and \$66 roundtrip. Transportation to Atlanta is \$53 one way and \$106 roundtrip. For



Leader File Photo

More than 12,000 Soldiers will make travel arrangements in the next few weeks for their trips home during Victory Block Leave at the end of December.

those flying out of the Columbia airport or traveling by rail with Columbia AMTRAK, transportation will be provided through the Regional Transit Authority and is \$12 for one way and \$24 roundtrip.

Each battalion has a separately scheduled time for its Soldiers to purchase tickets. McFadden said the process should be hassle-free.

"We, of course, project that it's going to run smoothly,"

she said.

There are approximately 12,268 Soldiers projected to leave during Block Leave. About 6,826 Soldiers will return for BCT or Advanced Individual Training.

The holdover battalion for those Soldiers who will not be leaving during Block Leave is the 193rd Infantry Brigade's 2nd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment.

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Rosser (continued from Page 1)

stopped breathing. She was pronounced dead an hour later at Providence Hospital. Her cause of death is still under investigation.

Battalion Chaplain (Capt.) Masaki Nakazono said he and other battalion leaders quickly worked to comfort Rosser's fellow Soldiers.

"We are all in a state of shock because it did happen so suddenly," he said. "Pvt. Rosser, they told me, was the heart and soul of their platoon."

Rosser was a frequent attendee of on-post chapel and gospel services and was a spiritual person, Nakazono said.

"She was very strong spiritually," he said. She could often be seen encouraging her fellow Soldiers spiritually as well, he said.

Even the night before the incident, Nakazono said, Rosser was determined to pass her PT test and was motivating others.

"She was there encouraging them and they were there encouraging her," he said, referring to members of her platoon.

Staff Sgt. Ivonne Rountree, Rosser's drill sergeant, said that positive attitude was common for Rosser.

"She was a very driven, motivated individual," Rountree said. "She was everybody's battle buddy."

Rountree said the 21-year-old's optimistic nature stemmed from her 1-year-old son, who was her inspiration.

"All she talked about was her son, and the reason she joined the military," she said. "Everything that she did, she dedicated to her son and every time she could sneak a peek of his picture, she did."

Like the rest of the company, Rountree is taking Rosser's death hard.

When Soldiers come into her platoon, Rountree said, she explains they have their family and their military family. The military family, she said, is their extended family. Her statement expresses her feelings for her fallen Soldier.

"She was my extended family," she said.

Rountree and the 59 other members of the platoon plan to pay tribute to Rosser during their graduation by wearing matching dog tags with the inscription, "Rest in Peace Andrea D. Rosser."

Rosser was scheduled to graduate Friday.

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Food critics on post



Photo by Susanne Kappler

Sgt. Maj. L'Tanya Williams, U.S. Army Quartermaster Center and School at Fort Lee, Va., inspects items in the dry storage area at the 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment dining facility Tuesday. Williams is one of three evaluators who graded the DFAC's performance for the Philip A. Connelly Awards. The DFAC is one of 10 facilities Army-wide to compete for the title of best "Active Army Large Dining Facility."

Around Post

Thrift Shop Halloween Sale

The Thrift Shop has last-minute Halloween costumes and decorations available until 5:30 p.m., today. The shop is also having one of its last Saturday sales of the year from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday. For more information, call 787-2153.

Terror on Thomas Court

The haunted house on Thomas Court will be open 7-8 p.m., Friday.

Families of the Year Nominations

The nomination deadline for Families of the Year is Friday. All nomination packets must be endorsed by the unit or agency commander (Colonel). For more information, call 751-5444.

Newcomer's Orientation

A Newcomer's Orientation/Re-entry Briefing will take place from 9 a.m. to noon, Nov. 5 at the Post Conference Room.

Garrison Holiday Celebration

The Directorate of Information Management is conducting meetings for planning the 2008 Garrison Holiday Celebration at 9 a.m., every Friday at 3390 Magruder Ave. To volunteer for the planning committee, call 751-5333.

Customer Assessment

All community members are invited to participate in a customer assessment through Nov. 7 at www.myarmyvoice.org/community2008.

Volunteers Needed

The Directorate of Emergency Services is looking for military ID card holders to volunteer as crossing guards. Volunteers are needed 7:30-8:30 a.m. and 2:30-3:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. Candidates must submit a local background check. For more information, call 751-3030.

Ask the DENTAC commander

How dental fitness levels are determined

Q What is Dental Fitness Classification?

A All Soldiers are required to receive a yearly comprehensive dental examination. The examination by a dentist here at Fort Jackson is a thorough evaluation and recording of the extra-oral and intra-oral hard and soft tissues.

The provider also considers information acquired through additional diagnostic tools such as special X-rays or lab tests. This exam includes evaluation for oral cancer, the patient's dental and medical history and a general health assessment.

Using the patient's input (symptoms, etc.) and this examination, a dentist determines a Soldier's Dental Fitness Classification as part of the overall diagnosis.

This classification is entered in the electronic record immediately and it 'feeds' into the Medical Protection System and Army Knowledge Online.

Army Regulation 40-35, Medical Services, Dental Readiness and Community Oral Health Protection outlines that dental readiness is fundamental to maintaining unit readiness and reducing non-combat dental casualties that could impede individual and unit mission accomplishment.

Unit commanders, the dental care system and the Soldier share responsibility for dental readiness. The Dental Readiness Program strives to reduce the risk of Soldiers becoming non-combat dental casualties and impacting mission accomplishment.



Col. Michael Cuenin

There are four Dental Fitness Classifications:

DFC 4 — it has been one year (or more) since the last comprehensive dental exam

- Patient needs a dental exam to be "reset." (Red on AKO)

DFC 3 — Patient has an urgent condition that needs to be treated to preclude a dental emergency within the next 12 months.

- The patient needs an appointment for specific treatment. (Red on AKO)

- Once this is accomplished the patient will be a DFC 2 or 1. (will then go Green on AKO)

DFC 2 — The patient has dental treatments needs that are routine but should be pursued for overall benefit and wellness.

- The patient should get an appointment for treatment. (Green on AKO)

DFC 1 — The patient has no treatment needs and is dentally well and ready.

- The patient is set until the next exam. (Green on AKO)

In AKO, Soldiers will be considered deficient (RED) if they are Dental Class 3 (have oral conditions (trauma, oral infection, etc) requiring dental treatment) or Dental Class 4 (no dental record, no evidence of a panograph (IAW AR 40-3) or there is no evidence of a current annual dental screening). Soldiers owe it to themselves and their unit to be dentally fit and ready.

Editor's Note: This monthly series of articles appears in *The Leader* to answer Soldier/patient questions regarding the Fort Jackson Dental Activity and your dental benefits at Fort Jackson.

Honoring 40 years of service



Photo by Daniel Terrill

Brig. Gen. Bradley W. May, Fort Jackson commanding general, presents Virginia Holt with the 40 Year Civilian Service Award for her work at the Personnel Affairs Branch at the 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception) Tuesday. Holt began her career in the Human Resources Personnel Finance department at Fort Jackson in 1967.

The Thanksgiving issue of the *Leader* will be published Nov. 25, which is two days earlier than normal. So that we can meet our deadline, all submissions and announcements for that issue must be turned in by close of business Nov. 19 by e-mail to fjleader@conus.army.mil.



Customer Service Corner

Customers who live, work or do business on Fort Jackson have an opportunity to provide detailed feedback about all of the installation's services via the annual Customer Service Assessments.

Most Army installations saw the multi-page, Web-based assessment for the first time when it opened Oct. 20. Fort Jackson had the rare opportunity to participate in the demonstration phase of the program in 2007. The customers — Soldiers, family members, retirees, veterans and civilian employees — provided information about the importance of programs and services, as well as a rating as to how well the installation is providing them.

The assessment is divided into two main categories, corporate and constituent, which are accessed from the same Web link; www.myarmyvoice.org/community2008. When a customer begins the survey, he or she will be asked to provide demographic data that will automatically direct him or her to the appropriate assessment. For example, family members or retirees will not be asked to rate services like the Central Issue Facility or the Ammunition Supply Point — two services used by Soldiers and their commanders.

Within the survey, customers will be asked to rate serv-

ice performance on a scale of 1 (very poor) to 5 (excellent), and importance, also on a scale of 1 to 5. Any ratings of 1 or 2 must have an explanation describing the issue.

Data provided by unit commanders, command sergeants major, first sergeants, senior civilians and senior staff will be captured in the corporate portion. These constituents will rate the performance of the services and the importance of the service in relation to the accomplishment of their units' missions.

"The ultimate goal is to provide the best quality of services we can within the garrison," said Christina Garza, customer service officer. "If we can provide services our customers want, and provide them well, then we're doing the right things to support our Soldiers and their families, as well as every other customer who uses the garrison services."

But, Garza said, the only way the garrison commander can get an accurate picture of customer satisfaction and customer expectations is for maximum participation from the community members.

IMCOM leaders plan to consolidate the assessment data from each installation and begin analysis after the survey

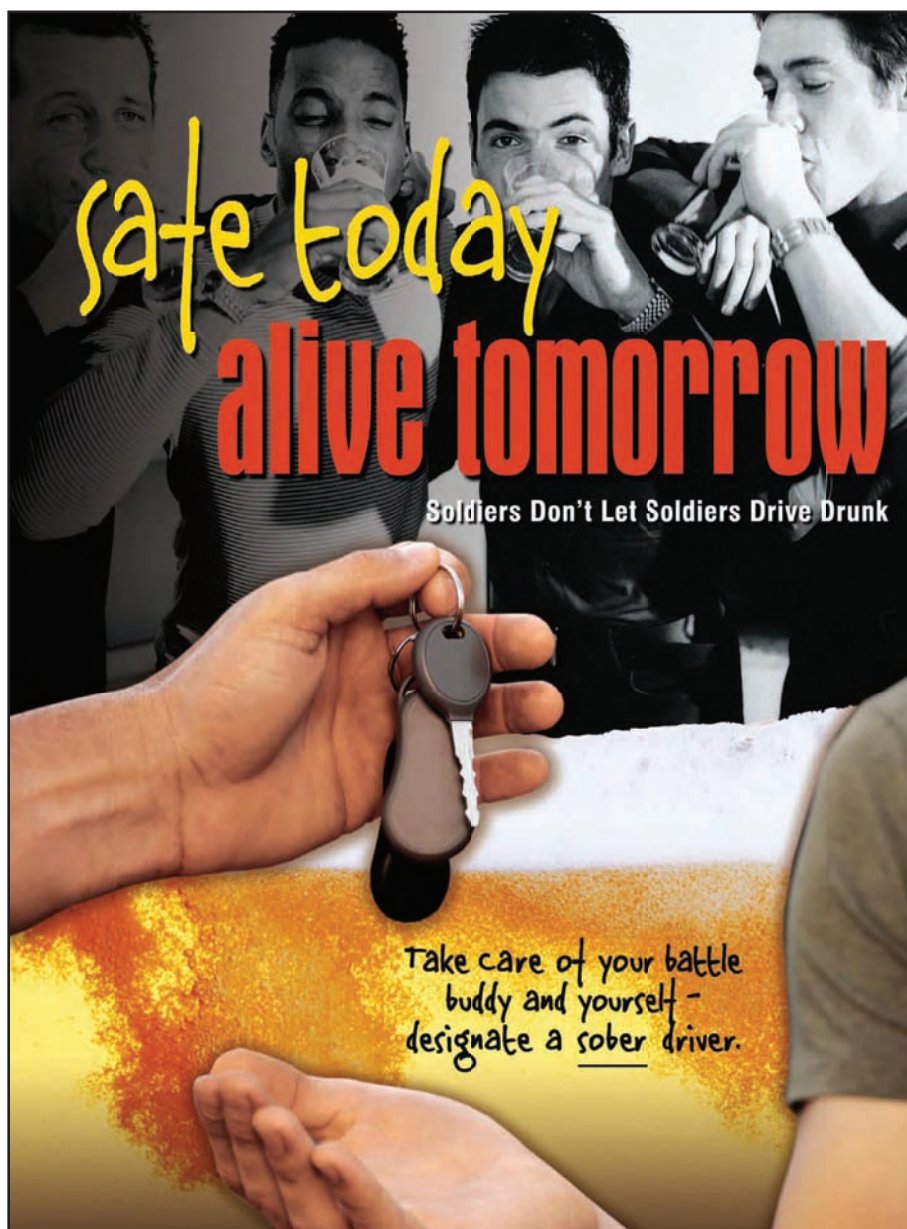
window closes Nov. 7. The Fort Jackson data will come to the CSO for further and more detailed analysis at the installation level before the December Garrison Commander's Conference. Slightly more than 1,500 customers participated in the pilot survey in 2007 at seven sites.

"I'd really like the Fort Jackson community members to step up and encourage each other to complete the assessment," Garza said. "With maximum community participation, we will be able to accurately assess how well our entire community is supported by the garrison. This information will be used to improve customer service and support across the installation."

For more information about the October Customer Service Assessments, call 751-4926.

ICE Appreciation

The garrison congratulates the Directorate of Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation, specifically the Soldier Family Assistance Center and the MG Robert B. Solomon Center. They have achieved a 4.75 and a 4.70 rating, respectively, in employee/staff attitude out of a possible 5.0 for a 12-week period.



A tip of the campaign hat to this week's ...

Drill Sergeants of the Cycle

From the "River Raiders" Battalion



Staff Sgt. Lawrence Ludy
Company A,
3rd Battalion,
60th Infantry
Regiment



Sgt. 1st Class Johnny Jacobs
Company D, 3rd
Battalion, 60th In-
fantry Regiment



Staff Sgt. Anthony Evans
Company B, 3rd
Battalion, 60th In-
fantry Regiment



Staff Sgt. Gilbert A. Dillard Jr.
Company E,
3rd Battalion,
60th Infantry
Regiment



Staff Sgt. Amy Friendly
Company C,
3rd Battalion,
60th Infantry
Regiment



Sgt. 1st Class Michael Perkins
Company F,
3rd Battalion,
60th Infantry
Regiment

FEATURE

Tragedy inspires WTU Soldier, wife to serve

Susanne Kappler
Leader Staff

For most people, “making good out of bad” is easier said than done. One Fort Jackson family that was struck hard by fate epitomizes the idea and hopes to inspire others with their story.

Staff Sgt. Raymond Long served as a technical rescuer with the Military District of Washington Engineer Company when the Pentagon was struck during the 9/11 attacks. His unit was involved in the rescue operations, pulling wounded people from the rubble and recovering the bodies of those lost. Nearly three years later, Long was deployed to Iraq and found himself on the other end of a similar situation.

Long was six months into his deployment with the 84th Engineer Battalion when a mortar attack hit the Logistics Support Area in Balad, where he was stationed. Three Soldiers, including two who stood next to Long, were killed in the attack and 25 others were wounded. Long was knocked unconscious by the blast and was hit by shrapnel pieces. He received emergency surgery in Balad, was evacuated to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany, and finally came back to the United States to receive treatment at Walter Reed Army Medical Center for the grade 3 liver laceration he sustained in the attack.

“We noticed that something wasn’t right with some of the stuff that he was doing,” recalled Meaghan Long, his wife of 14 years. “His hand crossed over, which means he couldn’t tell his left from his right.”

The doctors initially thought Long had suffered a concussion and assured him that he would recover in time.

After his discharge from the hospital, he rejoined his unit at their home station in Hawaii and was cleared to deploy again within six months.

“He kept having symptoms when we were in Hawaii,” Meaghan said. “But, he said he was fine to deploy again.”

Long completed a second tour of duty in Iraq, but his wife knew something was wrong with him when he returned.

“He deployed again and came back and he was really bad,” Meaghan said. He went through Phase I BNCOC (Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course) and tried to take an open-book test and barely passed, because he wasn’t comprehending what he was reading. He was just really scared about that. It took a toll on him.”



Photo by Susanne Kappler

Staff Sgt. Raymond Long was wounded in Iraq in 2004 and sustained a Traumatic Brain Injury. He plans to stay in the Army and help other wounded warriors overcome their injuries.

Things got worse when orders came for the family to move to Fort Jackson, where Long was going to become a drill sergeant.

“It was about a month into being here,” Long explained. “I started having headaches, dizziness — all kind of other physical symptoms.”

He was admitted to the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Augusta and ultimately wound up at the Shepherd Center Catastrophic Care Hospital in Atlanta, where he was diagnosed with a traumatic brain

injury — a result of the blast he endured during his first deployment.

The diagnosis explained a lot of the symptoms that Long had experienced through the years.

“It’s been very hard for people to say, ‘Yes, it’s traumatic brain injury,’ or, ‘Yes, it’s PTSD.’ They never wanted to say, ‘Yes, that’s what it is,’ but the Shepherd Center reaffirmed it,” Meaghan said.

“We’re glad for that. It’s a good validation for him that he’s not crazy.”

Long received four weeks of inpatient

treatment at the Atlanta hospital and continues to rehabilitate by undergoing speech therapy and vision therapy while assigned to the Fort Jackson Warrior Transition Unit.

Long is non-deployable because of his injuries, but hanging up his Army boots is not an option for him.

“I feel like my mission’s not done yet,” he said. “I’m not done serving my country yet. I came here to be a drill sergeant, which was going to, in turn, help out these young Soldiers, prepare them. Because I know where they’re going.”

Long recently appeared before the medical reclassification board and is awaiting the outcome of the proceeding, which will determine his new military occupational specialty.

He hopes to be able to continue to work with wounded warriors — a goal shared by his wife, who was inspired by the family’s experiences to help others.

“It’s been a really long process for him with his injuries. And we’ve met a lot of fantastic people along the way and we’ve seen a lot of bad stuff that happened,” Meaghan said. “That has inspired me to become a nurse. I’ve always wanted to help people, but I just wasn’t quite sure what that field was going to be, but this definitely cemented it for me.”

The former stay-at-home mom is attending Midlands Technical College and is maintaining a 3.8 grade point average. She is considering joining the Army as a nurse, because her goal is to help injured Soldiers in their healing process.

“I know for sure I’m going to work with wounded warriors and their families,” she said.

For now, while Meaghan is focusing on her studies, Long is concentrating on his recovery.

“Each week, it’s been getting better,” he said. “Some weeks are good and other weeks you wake up and you’re dizzy again, but that’s just part of the brain injury.”

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I feel like my mission’s not done yet. I’m not done serving my country yet.

Staff Sgt. Raymond Long
Warrior Transition Unit

FEATURE

DA civilian wards off potential danger

Crystal Lewis Brown
Leader Staff

When Lowry Rose came to work the morning of Sept. 12, he certainly did not plan to put his life at risk. But according to two of his co-workers, that is exactly what he did.

The heating, ventilating and air conditioning technician, who has worked with the Fort Jackson Directorate of Public Works for 13 years, was working as part of a four-man team to fix a leaky pipe in the 3rd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment Headquarters building.

When one of the team members propped a ladder against the hot water storage tank, a rusty spigot popped off, causing water to gush. An electrical transformer was located directly across from the tank.

“The water was shooting across the room and hit the transformer,” said Dennis Parady, a DPW contractor.

That is when Rose quickly moved to shut off the water. In the best-case scenario, the transformer could have blown out, causing power outages throughout the entire building. At worst, there could have been grave consequences.

“He saved our lives as far as I’m concerned,” Parady said. “If there was enough water that got on that transformer it could have electrocuted all four of us.”

HVAC work leader Dan Silvey, who



Photo by Crystal Lewis Brown

Directorate of Public Works contractor Dennis Parady, left, and DA civilian Lowry Rose point to the spot where a rusty spigot broke off, causing a rush of water to shoot straight onto an electrical transformer. Parady says Rose quickly acted to turn off the water, preventing what could have been a disaster.

was also there that day, said Rose’s familiarity with the buildings in which he works played a big part in his quick thinking.

“Because that was one of Lowry’s buildings, he knew exactly what to do,” Silvey said. “It was a good thing he did.”

Frankly, Rose said, he didn’t have time to consider the danger, and only in retrospect considers that he could have run out of the room.

“That might have been the smart thing to do ... but that’s not the way I saw it at the time,” he said. “I feel like I did the

right thing at the right time.”

In hindsight, he said, he recognizes how dangerous the situation could have been.

“When you think about the consequences, it could have gone a different way,” he said. “The potential (for danger) is there every time you put that much water next to electricity.”

Though Rose modestly downplays his part in the ordeal, Parady thinks he is nothing short of a hero. But, he said, he is not surprised by Rose’s actions.

A former Charleston Naval Shipyard worker, Rose has been a federal government employee for 36 years. His actions, Parady said, fall right in line with the legacy of character and determination learned in the shipyard.

“He’s one of those guys, if he can keep somebody from getting hurt, he’ll jump right in there.”

Even as Rose recounts the potentially dangerous event, he admits the entire ordeal — which left the entire floor and team soaked with water — happened in a flash.

“It all happened in about 10 seconds,” he said.

On that point, Parady disagrees.

“There had to be (at least) five more seconds for him to put on his mask and his cape.”

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Political discretion key for Soldiers, civilians

Staff Report

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — With the national election less than a week away, Defense Department officials are stressing to troops and civilian employees that federal law and DoD directives limit their involvement in certain political activities.

Political-related “dos and don’ts” pertaining to members of all service branches are proscribed within Defense Department Directive 1344.10, titled, “Political Activities by Members of the Armed Forces on Active Duty.”

The federal Hatch Act delineates what federal civilians, including those working for the Defense Department, may or may not do in the political realm.

For example, service members and government civilians may attend political events such as meetings and rallies, but military members must only be spectators and may not wear

their uniforms. In addition, service members are not permitted to make public political speeches, serve in any official capacity within political groups, or take part in partisan political campaigns or conventions.

Under Hatch Act rules, government civilians may be active in and speak before political gatherings or serve as officers of political parties or partisan groups. They’re also allowed to manage political campaigns and may distribute literature, but not at work. They also may write political articles, or serve as spokespersons for political parties or candidates.

Military members generally are not allowed to campaign for political office. Civilians can campaign for office in non-partisan elections. Partisan political activity is defined as activity directed toward the success or failure of a political party or candidate for a partisan political office or partisan political group.

Yet, basic rules apply to both military members and government civilians. Neither can use their position in the military or the government to influence or interfere with elections.

Service members and federal civilians can never engage in political activity on the job, in a government vehicle, or while wearing an official uniform.

For example, service members and government civilians are not to distribute political literature at work. This also applies to politically partisan e-mail messages forwarded over the Internet.

Service members and government civilians are encouraged to exercise their right to vote and participate in the democratic process.

But they should know there are rules in place that govern the extent of their involvement in political activities, officials said.

Gates updated on Army special ops capabilities

Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — With arguably the most heavily stressed troops anywhere, the commander of Army Special Operations Command updated Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates last week about ongoing missions and progress in growing the force to keep pace with ever-increasing requirements.

Lt. Gen. Robert W. Wagner briefed Gates during his visit at Fort Bragg about ongoing operations and progress in boosting manpower across the Army special operations community. This elite force includes Special Forces, Ranger, special operations aviation, psychological operations, civil affairs, signal and combat service support Soldiers.

Wagner said he and Gates talked about the “quality of the people and their dedication to what they are doing,” and the contributions they are making in the Global War on Terror.

They also discussed improved coordination between the intelligence communities and the military — an initiative Wagner told reporters is “enabling us to do things much more effectively and efficiently, and saving the lives of Soldiers.”

Army special operations forces are deployed to 45 countries around the globe, with about 80 percent of those troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

“We’re heavily deployed ... [and have been] continuously engaged since the beginning of the war,” Wagner said.

In fact, most of his troops have been deployed 30 to 70 percent of the time since the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks — more than even the most heavily taxed conventional forces.

As he spoke with Gates about ongoing missions, the discussion moved to the critical next question: How can Army Special Operations Command keep up the pace of operations without driving this highly skilled force into the ground, or out of the Army altogether?

A saving grace — one Wagner said he



Photo by Air Force Tech. Sgt. Jerry Morrison, American Forces Press Service

Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates receives a sniper weapons briefing from a Special Forces sergeant while touring on Fort Bragg, N.C. last week.

credits Gates with supporting — has been authorization to grow the force 43 percent by 2013.

“That’s pretty significant,” he said, noting that he has 5,000 more people now than in 2001.

All five active-duty Special Forces groups will receive an additional battalion, beginning with the 5th Special Forces Group at Fort Campbell, Ky. In addition, each Ranger battalion will get an extra company. Reconnaissance and intelligence forces will be upgraded from detachments to companies. A new special operations aviation battalion, at Fort Lewis, Wash., brings additional capability to the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment.

Meanwhile, Wagner cited “dramatic increases” in the command’s civil affairs and psychological operations forces. Historically, the lion’s share of both organizations has been in the Army Reserve, but Wagner said both the active and reserve components are boosting their numbers.

The 95th Civil Affairs Brigade, the only active-duty civil affairs unit, went from 208 Soldiers in 2001 to almost 900 today. In addition, plans call for an additional civil affairs battalion dedicated to U.S. Africa Command, and one or two more 32-man companies within each other battalion. Ultimately, Wagner said, he expects the number of active-duty civil affairs troops to increase to more than 1,400 by 2013 or 2014.

Psychological operations also have experienced “phenomenal growth,” Wagner said, from just under 1,300 troops in 2001 to more than 2,132 authorized today. That number will increase by almost 150 in fiscal year 2009, but Wagner said it could go as high as 2,740.

Even while adding 5,000 authorized slots in the last seven years, Army Special Operations Command increased its unit strength from 97 percent in 2001 to more than 100 percent today, Wagner said.

“The recruiting piece is not a problem,”

he said. “There are lots of people who are fully qualified and want to join the force. We still are very selective in who we allow to come into the force, and we are able to grow and still meet all those standards.”

Gates got firsthand exposure to the force’s capabilities as he talked with the troops about their experiences, their training and their missions.

He told reporters he was particularly struck by the level of questioning he received when he had lunch with about 10 Special Forces noncommissioned officers.

“They talked about problems,” he said. “They asked me about my view of the challenges they were going to face down the road in different countries. The meeting was very geopolitical.”

Also impressive, he said, was the depth of their language capabilities. One Soldier Gates met speaks both Korean and Arabic. Another speaks three different Arabic dialects.

“All of that is really impressive,” he said.

While he is gratified to be able to attract new recruits, Wagner said, he is far more interested in retaining the highly-skilled, combat-experienced ones he already has.

“Our job is not recruiting,” he said. “It’s the retention of senior-grade people, because our force is about senior people.”

Special Forces troops are typically more senior than those in other Army units, he explained. Soldiers typically join the force at the sergeant first class or captain levels.

The typical Special Forces NCO is 33 years old with 12 years of service; the typical warrant officer is 39 years old with 18 years of service. A full one-third of Special Forces Soldiers are eligible to retire.

The challenge, Wagner said, is to keep these Soldiers in the Army despite repeated deployments and heavy operational demands.

“These people have put their lives on hold for seven years,” Wagner said. “Most Americans are at home every night. These people have spent between 30 and 70 percent of their time deployed since the towers were struck.”

Army Family Covenant Update

Mutual violence is not part of a healthy relationship

Annette McLeod

Family Advocacy Program Manager

Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program is committed to the Army Family Covenant and all members of the Fort Jackson community. As Prevent Domestic Violence Month draws to a close, FAP encourages all of Fort Jackson to recognize patterns of abuse.

A bad relationship can create misery, bitterness and permanent scars. It can lead to marriage, but not a happy one. Even when an unhealthy relationship ends short of marriage, it can still create long-lasting, perhaps lifelong, pain and trouble. Moreover, it can hurt others besides the two people at its center, especially any children the couple may have.

About half of all physical fights between couples involve mutual violence. Mutual violence is a pattern of fighting in

which the man and the woman are both intent on causing injury to the other.

This excludes self-defense as exemplified by the woman who swings a hot iron at her husband to stop his attack, or the man who knocks down his raging wife before she can hit him with a hammer.

For many couples, the abuse starts with one partner hurting the other, the injured party becomes enraged and strikes back; now it is mutual abuse.

The couple may come to believe that they can do this without causing any severe injury, and it becomes a pattern in their relationship.

For many couples of any age, physical fighting is a "normal" part of being in a relationship. They have grown up with it. They may have experienced it in previous relationships. It may be the primary way they deal with conflict. It is expected. It

may even be accepted.

Unfortunately, few of these couples contain their fighting ways in total privacy. Often, there are children around and the children suffer in several ways.

First, studies have proven that children are traumatized by seeing violence between their parents (or between one parent and the parent's new partner). At the very least, it scares them, angers them, and leaves them with nagging anxiety and all the problems that anxiety brings.

Just as bad, violent parents teach their children violence. Hitting is the way to express anger. Fighting is the way to resolve a dispute. The one who gets the angriest and most violent wins. Children absorb these lessons well. The results can be seen in their behavior in school and, later, in their own relationships.

Some mutually abusive couples stay to-

gether for a lifetime, others part company.

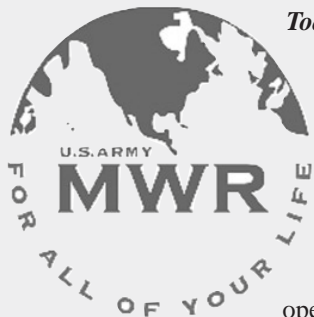
Among a few couples, the relationship ends when one of them is seriously hurt, is killed or commits suicide.

In 2007, 32 South Carolinians were murdered by their intimate partners. Domestic violence cuts across gender, race and ethnicity. People in every socioeconomic status experience this type of violence.

Domestic violence victims are all around us, in our neighborhoods, businesses and places of worship. As citizens, we have a responsibility to take a stand against this injustice.

Let's join together to promote peace, healing and responsibility in adult relationships.

If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, contact the Family Advocacy Program at 751-6325.



Today

Southern Style Lunch Buffet, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Officers' Club. The buffet is open to the public.

Visit **Century Lanes** for food, fun and bowling. **Magraders Pub** is open for lunch for family members from noon to 4 p.m.,

Thursdays.

Today is **Guest Day** at the Fort Jackson Golf Club.

Friday

Play **Victory Bingo** and win prizes up to \$15,000. There are guaranteed \$50 payouts.

Artistic Expression with Jake begins 6:30 p.m. at the Youth Center Teen Room.

Dance to a variety of music provided by DJ Randall at **Magraders Club** from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. The club is located in the back of Magraders Pub, and the cover charge is \$3 for military and \$5 for civilians.

Visit Magraders Pub and the NCO Club for **HOOAH Happy Hour** every Friday, 5-7 p.m.

The Child, Youth and School Services **Fall Festival** will start at 7 p.m. at the Youth Services Center.

Terror on Thomas Court! The **haunted house** on Thomas Court will open at 7 p.m. Shuttle service is available from the Youth Services Center.

Marion Street Station trip to **Biltmore** leaves at 5 a.m. The transportation cost is \$5.

Saturday

Step Team practice begins 2 p.m. at the Youth Center Dance Room.

The NCO Club presents **Classic Soul Saturday** from 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the Excalibur Room. The cover charge is \$3 for military and \$5 for civilians. Live broadcasts from the BIG DM 101.3 with giveaways will be held 9:30-11 p.m.

Sunday

Come to **brunch** from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Officers' Club.

Enjoy **Family Day at the Youth Center**, 2-6 p.m.

The **SCGA One Day** starts 8 a.m. at the Fort Jackson Golf Club.

Monday

The **NCO Club** presents a **full lunch buffet**, featuring fried chicken or fish, fresh vegetables, a full salad bar, soup, assorted desserts and a beverage from 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. for \$7.

Tuesday

Movie Night begins 6 p.m. at the Youth Center in the Teen Room.

Enjoy **free movies** every Tuesday at Magraders Pub.

Wednesday

Be a sensation with **Karaoke with Tom Marable** at **Magraders Club** at 7:30 p.m. Cover charge is \$3 for military and \$5 for civilians.

Ongoing Offers

- The **NCO Club lunch buffet** is served from 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., daily. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3.75 for children.

- The **NCO Club breakfast** is served 6-9 a.m., Monday through Friday. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3.75 for children 4-10 years old.

- The **Officers' Club specializes in catering** wedding receptions, anniversaries, promotions and other special occasions.

- The **NCO Club caters** to all your needs: dining in, dining out, promotions, breakfasts, meetings, birthdays, weddings, graduation, retirements and other special occasions.

- **Victory Travel** has special offers for a variety of dinner shows and attractions. Currently offered are discounted tickets to Carowinds, \$28 per ticket, and Six Flags, \$27 per ticket, for the 2008 season. Some offers require reservations. For more information, visit Victory Travel in the MG Robert B. Solomon Center.

- **Child, Youth and School Services** provides child care and youth programming on Saturdays at no cost for active duty parents who must work to meet mission requirements and for National Guard and Reserve Soldiers during Battle Training Assembly. Care is offered from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. at multiple locations.

For more information about:

— Registration, call 751-4865.

— Six weeks-kindergarten, call 751-6221/6230.

— Grades 1-5, call 751-1136/6387.

— Grades 6-12, call 751-3977/6387.

— Child Development Home serving children between 6 weeks and 12 years old, call 751-7169/7170.

- Enjoy resort accommodations for two to six people for less than one would pay for most hotels with the **Armed Forces Vacation Club**. For details of resort availability, call the reservation center at (800) 724-9988. Be sure to say you are a first-time Armed Forces vacation caller. A vacation counselor will take your enrollment and help you find an available resort. Fort Jackson is Installation No.164.

- Play **Victory Bingo** every Tuesday 6:30-10:30 p.m. and win up to \$25,000 in prizes.

CHALKBOARD

Parents urged to join Fort Jackson School Board

Ruth Russell

Army School Liaison

Studies show that the most successful students have parents who are involved in what goes on at their school. Students benefit from seeing parents and schools working as a team. Schools with high parental involvement tend to have higher standardized test scores, better attendance rates, fewer discipline problems, and generally more successful pupils.

The schools on Fort Jackson are no exception. The on-post schools are proud of the tradition of involvement by military families. Parents can regularly be seen at the

school helping with events, projects, fundraisers and more.

Another very important opportunity exists for parents to become involved. The schools are seeking candidates for the Fort Jackson School Board. As members of the school board, parents will provide input on decisions concerning such things as calendars, local policies and more. The Fort Jackson School Board serves as an advisory board for other local schools.

To be a board member, one must live on Fort Jackson. To vote for school board members, one must have a child enrolled in on-post schools.

The school board meets once a month. This small commitment may have a huge impact that benefits the schools.

Anyone interested in serving on the Fort Jackson School Board can pick up an application in the main office at either school or download one from www.fort-jacksonmwr.com/school_liaison/.

Completed applications need to be sent to the schools Nov. 12.

The school board election is scheduled for Nov. 20.

For more information about the school board, call (404) 542-8254.



Fort Jackson Schools

Parent teacher conferences Monday, schools closed.

Schools dismiss at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday.

Schools will be closed for **Veterans' Day**.

School board applications are due Nov. 12.

School board elections, Nov. 20.

Richland District One

Early dismissal today for parent teacher conferences.

A teacher workday and **student holiday** is scheduled for Monday.

Schools will be closed Tuesday for **elections**.

A **School Board Meeting** is scheduled for 7 p.m., Nov. 11 at the district office. Parents are welcome.

Early dismissal Nov. 12 for elementary and middle school students.

A **Post Secondary Education Fair** is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Nov. 13 at the Carolina Coliseum. The theme is "My Tomorrow Begins Today." Approximately 150 colleges, universities, agency representatives and the military will be present. The event is open to 11th and 12th grade students.

Richland District Two

Report cards are issued through to-

morrow.

Schools will be closed Tuesday for **elections**.

A **School Board Meeting** is scheduled for 7 p.m., Nov. 11 at Dent Middle School. Parents are welcome.

South Carolina **High School Assessment Program**, Tuesday-Friday.

Early dismissal Nov. 12 for elementary school students.

Dent Middle School Civil Air Patrol is asking for **old BDUs/ACUs** for its program. Call 699-2750 ext. 72007 for more information.

College

The South Carolina Commission on Higher Education has launched a **college information hotline** for students and families. For up-to-date college information, call (877) 349-7183, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Tuesdays-Thursdays.

Announcements

Partnerships in Education is requesting participation in a survey of school transition issues by military families with school-age dependents. The survey is located online at www.fort-jacksonmwr.com/school_liaison/.

Soldiers may request to **remain in a current duty assignment** until his or her high school student graduates. To make the request, Soldiers must submit DA Form 4187 through his or her chain of command to Personnel Command. For more information, call (703) 325-4422/5191.

Editor's Note: For more information on Army School Liaison Services, call 751-6150 or e-mail Ruth.C.Russell@us.army.mil.

Voters to decide on referendum

Ruth Russell

Army School Liaison

On Nov. 4, Richland Two School District will ask voters if it can borrow \$306 million to build four elementary schools, one middle school, one high school with a stadium and one magnet center. In addition, the money would be used to renovate and upgrade some existing facilities.

District officials attribute the request to the rapid growth in the area. Richland Two is one of the fastest growing school districts in South Carolina. This school year, enrollment will increase by approximately 1,100 students. Over the past five years, Richland Two has grown by more than 5,000 students. The district's five-year growth represents more students than 47 of the 85 school districts in the state have enrolled in their entire districts.

The cost of the referendum for property owners will be \$108 per year for a \$100,000 home.

The bond referendum question on the ballot will read as follows:

"Shall the Board of Trustees of School District No. 2 of Richland County, South Carolina (the 'School District') be empowered to issue, at one time or from time to time, general obligation bonds of the School District, in a principal amount of not exceeding \$306,000,000, the proceeds of which shall be used to construct, improve, equip and renovate school buildings or other school facilities including the cost of the acquisition of land whereon to construct such school facilities?"

For more information on the bond referendum, visit www.richland2.org.

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

Cadre of the Cycle



Photo by Carrie David Ford

Staff Sgt. Crawford D. Cox is named the 369th Adjutant General Battalion's Cadre of the Cycle. Cox is a human resources instructor. The cycle ran Aug. 23 to Oct. 31.

Blowout barbecue



Photo by Mike A. Glasch

Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel Hagan, Task Force Marshall, flips hamburgers during the brigade's "Blackhawk Cookout Extravaganza" at Semmes Lake Oct. 23. Proceeds from the cookout were used to support FMWR events.

Need a friend?



Photos by Carrie David Ford

These pets need a home, from top: 4-month-old black kittens and a 1-year old female cat. For information on these or other pets for adoption, call the Veterinary Clinic at 751-7160.

This Week

Managing Emotions Under Stress

A seminar on "Managing Emotions Under Stress" takes place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday at 5616 Hood St., Room 10. For more information and to register, call 751-5256/6325.

Breastfeeding Support Group

The Breastfeeding Support Group meets from 10 a.m. to noon, Tuesday at the Joe E. Mann Center conference room. For more information or to register, call 751-5256/6325.

Spouses' Club Luncheon

The Fort Jackson Spouses' Club Luncheon "Fun, Fast and Festive" is set from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday at the Fort Jackson Officers' Club. The cost is \$12. Reservations must be made by today by e-mailing fjcsreservations@yahoo.com or by calling 338-3882.

Checkbook Maintenance

A workshop on checkbook maintenance is set for 8:30-10:30 a.m., Wednesday at the Education Center, Room B-302. For more information or to register, call 751-5256/6325.

Employment Readiness Orientation

An Employment Readiness Orientation will take place from 8:30 a.m. to noon, Wednesday at the Education Center, Room B-206. For more information or to register, call 751-4862/5452.

Resume Writing for Beginners

A class on how to prepare a resume for a job fair or private sector employment is scheduled for 1-3:30 p.m., Wednesday at the Education Center, Room B-206. For

Phase II Levy Briefing

A Phase II Levy Briefing is set for 2:30-3:30 p.m., Wednesday at the Strom Thurmond Building, Room 213. For more information or to register, call 751-5256/6325.

Upcoming

AER Commander's Referral Training

An Army Emergency Relief Commander's Referral Training is scheduled for 9-10:30 a.m., Nov. 6 at the Education Center, Room B-302. For more information or to register, call 751-5256/6325.

Parents Who Care

A Parents Who Care (early childhood) meeting is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon, Nov. 6, in the Joe E. Mann Center Conference Room. For more information or to register, call 751-5256/6325.

Sponsor Training

Sponsor training is set for 1-2 p.m., Nov. 6 at the Strom Thurmond Building, Room 213. For more information or to register, call 751-5256/6325.

The ART of Relaxation

The ART of Relaxation will take place 4-5:30 p.m., Nov. 6 at 5616 Hood St., Room 10. For more information or to register, call 751-5256/6325.

Gobble Gobble Day

Balfour Beatty is inviting residents to make turkeys to decorate the community office 3:30-4 p.m., Nov. 7. For more information, call 739-8275.

Child Abuse Awareness

A Child Abuse Awareness seminar is scheduled 6-8 p.m., Nov. 10 at 5616 Hood St., Room 10. For more information or to register, call 751-5256/6325.

Baby Basics/Baby Bundle

Baby Basics/Baby Bundle is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon, Nov. 11 at the Joe E. Mann Conference Room. For more information or to register, call 751-5256/6325.

Anger Management Class

Choices: Anger Management Class is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nov. 11 at 5616 Hood St., Room 10. For more information or to register, call 751-5256/6325.

Veterans Job and Health Fair

A job and health fair for South Carolina veterans is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Nov. 7 at the National Guard Armory, 1225 Bluff Road. For more information, call 751-5834.

EFMP Support Group

The EFMP Sibling Support Group meets 5 p.m., Nov. 11 at 5616 Hood St., Room 10. For more information or to register, call 751-5256/6325.

Holiday Financial Planning

A Holiday Financial Planning class is scheduled for 9-11 a.m., Nov. 12 at the Education Center, Room B-302. For more information or to register, call 751-5256/6325.

Quick Jobs Seminar

A Quick Jobs Seminar is set for 9-11:30 a.m., Nov. 12 at the Education Center, Room B-206. For more information or to register, call 751-4862/5452.

Retired Officers Wives Club

The Retired Officers Wives Club will meet 11:30 a.m., Nov. 12 at the Officers' Club. Reservations must be made by Nov. 7. For more information or to register, call 699-1768 or 783-1220.

Health Benefits Health Fair

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will host a Health Benefits Information Fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Nov. 14 in the Main Post Chapel Activity Room.

The health fair will coincide with the health benefits open season, which is from Nov. 10 through Dec. 8. For more information, contact the Fort Jackson CPAC at 751-5834.

World War I Symposium

The South Carolina Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum will host a World War I military history symposium Nov. 15. For more information and to register, visit <http://ccr.sc.gov/events/ww1>.

Veteran's Day Ball



The second annual 171st Infantry Brigade Veteran's Day Ball begins at 6 p.m., Nov. 7 at the NCO Club. For more information, e-mail Luis.D.Martinez@conus.army.mil or call 751-3318/3316.

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

Safety officer awarded



Courtesy Photo

Col. Lillian A. Dixon, garrison commander, poses with Leticia Blackmon, RCI Housing Services safety officer. Blackmon was presented the Commander's Safety Award last week for receiving no safety violations during her tenure.

Announcements

Turkey Raffle

Starting Wednesday, Balfour Beatty Communities is accepting entries to the Turkey Raffle for a chance to win a Thanksgiving basket. The winner will be picked Nov. 18. For more information, call 739-8275.

208th RSC Vacancies

The 208th Regional Support Group, and Army Reserve logistical unit, has vacancies in all military occupational specialties in the rank of sergeant to lieutenant colonel. For more information, call 751-9724 or e-mail Glenn.Baker@usar.army.mil.

Notice of Availability

Public input and comments on Fort Jackson's proposed Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan and Environmental Assessment are being accepted for the next 30 days. The final draft may be viewed at the Richland County Public Library, Cooper Branch, or the Thomas Lee Hall Post Library. For more information, call 751-7153.

African American History Month Recognition Awards

DoD is seeking nominations for its African American History Month Recognition Awards. The awards honor service members who have supported the Global War on Terror, demonstrated role model qualities and personified the core values of their military service between February 2007 and February 2008.

Nominations are due Nov. 14. For more information on how to submit a nomination, call 751-4916/2990 or e-mail Janeen.Simmons@conus.army.mil.

Reclamation Sale

A reclamation sale for Soldiers is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. this Monday-Friday at 2570 Warehouse Road.

The limits are two sets of ACUs and one set of boots per person. All other items are on basis of issue and only cash will be accepted. The schedule is as follows:

Recurring Meetings

Weekly

Walking Away Stress meets at 9 a.m., Mondays and Fridays at the pecan orchard near the post office on Early Street. For a walking log or more information, call 751-6325.

Play Group meets 10-11:30 a.m., Mondays at 5953C Parker Lane. For more information, call 751-5256/6325.

Range Control Briefing is held at 1 p.m., Mondays and Fridays at the Education Center, Room 302. For more information, call 751-7171.

Columbia Composite Squadron (Civil Air Patrol) meets at 6:30 p.m., Mondays at Columbia's downtown airport, Owens Field, main conference room. For more information, e-mail tom.alsup@gmail.com or visit online at www.scwg.cap.gov.

Helping Everyone Reach Optimum Strength meets 5-6 p.m., Tuesdays at Moncrief Army Community Hospital, seventh floor. It is open to combat veterans and their family members. For more information, call 751-2160/2183.

Medical Board Office is closed from 7:30 a.m. until 1 p.m., every Thursday. For information, call 751-0359/7152/7318.

Protestant Women of the Chapel meet Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel. Homeschoolers are welcome and evening studies are available. Free child care is available. For information, e-mail pwocjackson@yahoo.com.

Overseas Travel Clinic is held from 8:30 a.m. to noon, Fridays. For more information, call 751-5151.

Military Widows/Widowers Association meets at 2 p.m., Sundays at Moncrief Army Community Hospital, eighth floor. For more information, call 787-2469.

Monthly

The Ladies Auxiliary meets at 3 p.m., the second Sunday of the month at 534 S. Beltline Blvd. Call 782-5943 or 782-0148 for more information.

Weight Loss Surgery Support Group meets at noon the second and fourth Monday of the month at the Weight Management Center, 180 Laurel Street, Columbia. The group also meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Palmetto Health Baptist Breast Health Center, 1501 Sumter St., Ground Level, Meeting Room 2, Columbia.

Seabees meet at 7 p.m., the second Monday of the month at the West Metro Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center. Call 755-7792, 736-0841 or 755-0300 for more information.

Veterans of Foreign Wars meet at 7:30 p.m., the second Monday of the month at 534 S. Beltline Blvd. Call 782-5943 or 782-0148 for more information.

Sergeant Audie Murphy Club meets at 11:30 a.m., the first Tuesday of the month at the Post Conference Room www.jackson.army.mil/360/SAMC/home.htm.

American Legion Post #182 meets at 7 p.m., the first Tuesday of the month at the Officers' Club. For information, call 351-2333.

Disabled American Veterans meet 6 p.m., the second Tuesday of the month at 511 Violet St., West Columbia. For information, call 796-7122.

Fleet Reserve Association Unit 202 meets at 1 p.m., the third Tuesday of the month at 2620 Lee Road. Call 482-4456 for information.

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 303 meets at 7 p.m., the third Tuesday of the month at American Legions Post 6, 200 Pickens Street. For more information, call 312-4895.

Purple Heart #402 meets at 7 p.m., the fourth Tuesday of the month at the American Legion Post #6 on Pickens Street. For information, call 351-2333.

American Red Cross new adult volunteers orientation is the third Wednesday of the month from 9 a.m. to noon at building 2179 on Sumter Avenue. For more information, call 571-4329.

"Victory Riders" Motorcycle Club meets at 5 p.m., the first and third Thursdays of the month at Magruders Club. For information, e-mail sec@ffvictoryriders.com.

Society of American Military Engineers meets 11:30 a.m., the fourth Thursday of the month. For information, call 254-0518 or 765-0320.

MEDPROS training will be held 1-4 p.m., the third Friday of the month, at the hospital, Room 9-83. For more information or to register, e-mail Jaclynne.Smith@amedd.army.mil.

Retired Enlisted Association meets at 5:30 p.m., the third Friday of the month at the hospital, third floor. For information, call 740-2319 or e-mail jrogers11@sc.rr.com.

92nd Buffalo Chapter 20 DAV meets at 11 a.m., the third Saturday of the month, except July and August, at the DAV Headquarters 511 Violet St., West Columbia. For information, call 260-1067.

U.S. Navy Sea Cadets, for 11-18 year olds, meet the third weekend of the month. For information call 622-8707.

Fort Jackson Spouses' Club meets monthly. Visit their Web site, www.fortjacksonspousesclub.com, for more information about upcoming meetings and events, or contact the group at Ft.JacksonSpousesclub@yahoo.com.

To submit a recurring meeting, e-mail the name of the group, when and where the meeting takes place and contact information to fjleader@conus.army.mil.

Nov. 3 — E1 through E6 active duty or Reserve on active duty.

Nov. 4 — Training Cadre to include first sergeant, commanding officer, training non-commissioned officer,

executive officer.

Nov. 5-6 — All ranks, active duty.

Nov. 7, before 3 p.m. — Active duty, USAR, ARNG.

Nov. 7, 3-5 p.m. — Installation senior leadership only.

Country stars take



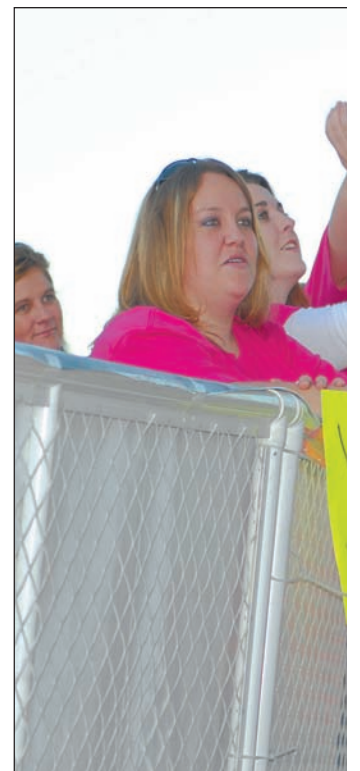
Concert headliner Pat Green strikes a pose for the fans. Green performed his hits Wave on Wave and Dixie Lullaby during the two-hour show.



Country artists The Lost Trailers, Pat Green, Randy Houser, Kristi Lee Cook and Chris Young share the stage. The free concert was hosted by Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation and attracted music fans from Fort J.



Chris Young shares a smile with his fans. The singer wooed a section of female admirers who called themselves "Young Country."



Fans in front of the stage reacted with excitement. The concert drew a crowd of about 3,000 people.

over Hilton Field



stage during the WCOS Loyal Listeners Concert Sunday at Hilton Field. The Fort Jackson and the greater Columbia area.



react to an exchange with singer Chris Young. The concert drew a crowd

Susanne Kappler Leader Staff

Midlands area country music fans turned Hilton Field into a honky tonk Sunday during the WCOS Loyal Listeners Concert hosted by Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

According to WCOS, approximately 3,000 fans showed up for the free show, which was headlined by Pat Green and featured “American Idol” contestants Phil Stacey and Kristi Lee Cook, “Nashville Star” winner Chris Young as well as The Lost Trailers and Randy Houser.

“We did this here three years ago and we got such a great response from the local military community that we just wanted to do it again,” said L.J. Smith, director of programming for WCOS. “This time we feel like we’ve stepped it up a little bit by bringing some bigger names out. It’s really just to honor the troops and honor Fort Jackson for everything they do for our community.”

The musicians shared the stage for a two-hour acoustic show that featured many crowd pleasers, such as The Lost Trailers’ *Holler Back* and Houser’s *Honky Tonk Badonkadonk*, which was a hit for Trace Adkins.

The artists also took time to tip their cowboy hats in honor of the troops in attendance. Green’s father and brother are both Air Force pilots and performing for service members means a lot to him.

“Anytime I get a chance to be around the men and women who support our country like my family has, I take great pride in it,” Green said after the show. “Obviously, it’s a lot to ask of a person to sacrifice everything that they have going on in their lives — to just put it all aside for a few years — to serve their country. It just impresses me to no end to know that people, even in this day and age, after hundreds and hundreds of years of this country being around, are still proud to do it. It makes me feel proud of our country.”

Houser, who made his mark as a songwriter, agreed.

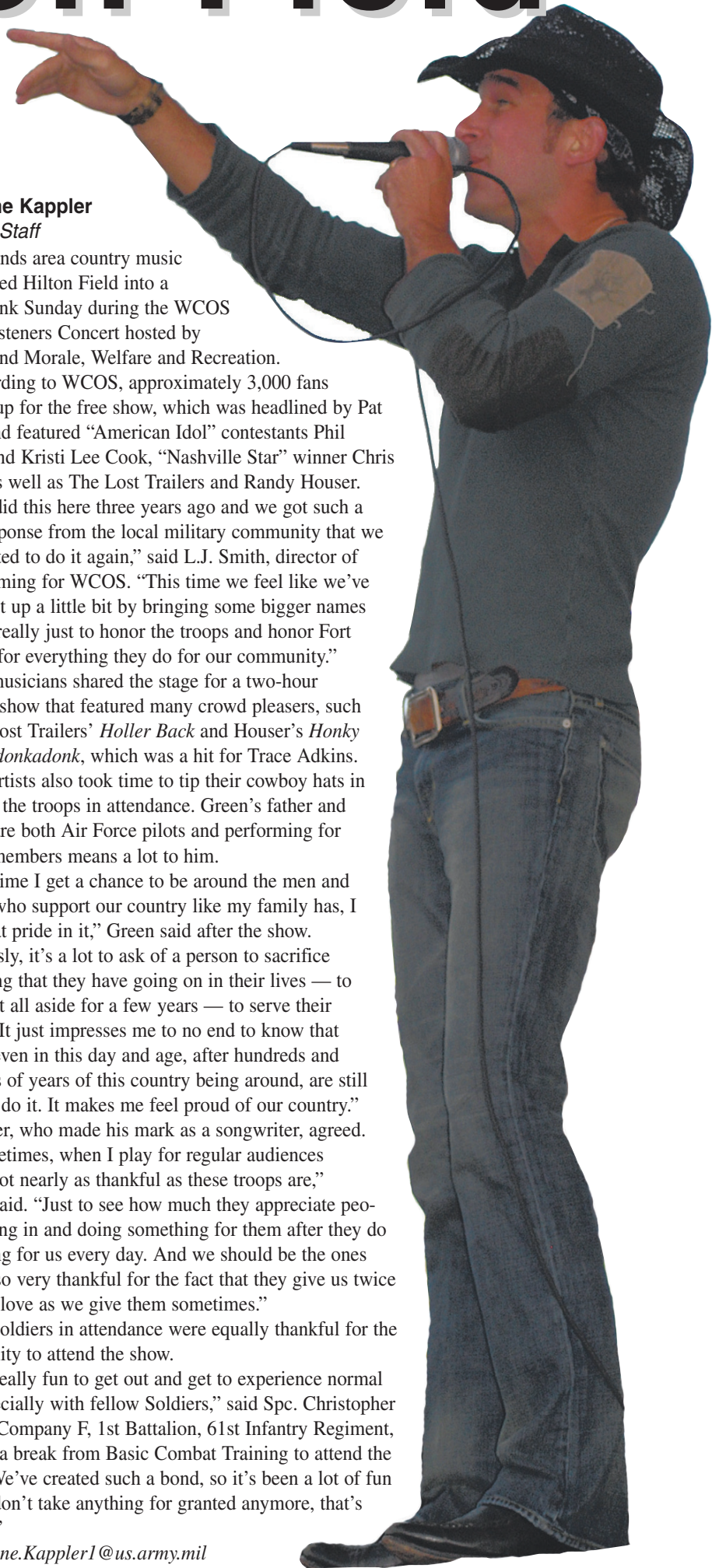
“Sometimes, when I play for regular audiences they’re not nearly as thankful as these troops are,” Houser said. “Just to see how much they appreciate people coming in and doing something for them after they do something for us every day. And we should be the ones that are so very thankful for the fact that they give us twice as much love as we give them sometimes.”

The Soldiers in attendance were equally thankful for the opportunity to attend the show.

“It’s really fun to get out and get to experience normal life, especially with fellow Soldiers,” said Spc. Christopher Galvan, Company F, 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment, who got a break from Basic Combat Training to attend the show. “We’ve created such a bond, so it’s been a lot of fun and we don’t take anything for granted anymore, that’s for sure.”

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Ryder Lee, lead singer of The Lost Trailers, engages the crowd during the band’s hit “Holler Back.” The band performed on Fort Jackson as part of the free WCOS Loyal Listeners Concert Sunday.



Photos by Susanne Kappler

FIRST RESPONDER



The following are incidents compiled from reports, complaints or information received from the Fort Jackson Provost Marshal Office.

The incidents reflected are not an adjudication attesting to the guilt or innocence of any person and are provided for informational and reflective purposes only.

Lt. Col. Ronald F. Taylor
Director, Emergency Services/Provost Marshal
Sgt. Maj. Allen Taylor Jr.
Provost Sergeant Major
Billy Forrester
Fire Chief

Cases of the Week

A Soldier was knocked unconscious during a fight with another Soldier, but refused medical attention after regaining consciousness, Military Police said. The two Soldiers were arguing when one pushed the other, MPs said. The Soldier who was pushed then struck the other in the face with a forearm, which rendered him unconscious, according to authorities. Both Soldiers were transported to PMO.

A civilian was arrested for driving with fake tags, no registration and insurance. During a traffic stop at a gate, a records check revealed that the car that the civilian was driving was not the same car that the tags were issued to, MPs said. The car was towed off the installation and the driver was released.

Provost Marshal’s Tip of the Week

With witches, goblins and super-heroes descending on neighborhoods across America, the American Red Cross offers parents some safety tips to help prepare their children for a safe and enjoyable trick-or-treat holiday. Halloween should be filled with surprise and enjoyment, and following some common sense practices can keep events safer and more fun.

- Walk, slither and sneak on sidewalks, not in the street.
- Look both ways before crossing the street to check for cars, trucks and low-flying brooms.
- Cross the street only at corners.
- Don’t hide or cross the street between parked cars.
- Wear light-colored or reflective-type clothing so you are more visible. (Put reflective tape on bikes, skateboards and brooms, too!)
- Plan your route and share it with your family. If possible, have an adult go with you.
- Carry a flashlight to light your way.
- Keep away from open fires and candles.
- Visit homes that have the porch light on.
- Accept your treats at the door and never go into a stranger’s house.
- Use face paint rather than masks or things that will cover your eyes.
- Be cautious of animals and strangers.
- Have a grown-up inspect your treats before eating. And don’t eat candy if the package is already opened.

FORCE PROTECTION THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

The 5th Sign of Terrorism

5 Suspicious people who do not belong
Another pre-incident indicator is observing suspicious people who just don’t belong. This includes suspicious border crossings, stowaways aboard a ship or people jumping ship in a port. It could be someone in a workplace, building, neighborhood or business establishment who does not fit in because of their demeanor or unusual questions he/she is asking.

DHR

Web site supports Army families

Q What is Army OneSource?

A Army OneSource is a new online portal for Soldiers and Army families. This portal establishes a comprehensive multi-component approach for community support and services to meet the diverse needs of all Soldiers and families, including geographically separated members. Army OneSource is the OneSource for information, the OneSource for programs and services, and the OneSource for connectivity.

The new Web site is sectioned into the seven primary tasks identified in the Soldier Family Action Plan: Family programs and services; health care; Soldier and family housing; Child, Youth and School Services; education, careers and libraries; recreation, travel and BOSS; communities

and marketplace.

From the portal, Soldiers and family members may use the geographic locator to access services closest to where they live, find Army installations and commands, locate direct contact links for each of the primary tasks, and submit feedback.

Q What has the Army done?

A Army OneSource reinforces the partnerships between active, National Guard, and Army Reserve support services and local and state community services.

The portal provides all Soldiers and family members with access to standardized programs and services.

Army OneSource makes it possible for a customer to walk into any Army facility —

or connect from home — to find answers related to the services they are entitled to.

Q Why is it important to the Army?

A Army OneSource offers Soldiers and families the support they deserve, as expressed in the Army Family Covenant. It improves awareness of new and existing Army programs and benefits, and combines and links resources to give Army families access to comprehensive information all in one place.

The network exploits personal contact and advanced technology to improve on the delivery of services so families have the support they need and the quality of life they deserve, wherever they live.

Resources: Army OneSource
<http://aos.myarmylifetoo.com>

ASAP Calendar of Events

The Army Substance Abuse Program provides prevention and education to the community on topics pertaining to alcohol and other drug usage.

ASAP maintains a wide selection of pamphlets and videos that can be used to get a better understanding of the dynamics of substance abuse and use.

ASAP staff is available to give presentations on alcohol and drug abuse.

For questions about classes offered or about substance abuse, call 751-5007.

CHAPEL

God is leading us through tough times

Chaplain (Maj.) Jeff Spangler
Soldier Support Institute

“For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, ‘Do not fear; I will help you.’”

I recently took a few days of leave to go back home to Ohio for the presentation of the Distinguished Service Award to my father. The DSA is essentially a lifetime achievement award that my denomination, the Church of the Nazarene, presents to those who have served the church faithfully and made a substantial impact in ministry over the course of their life. I’m a proud and grateful son of a man who has been a model of service and righteous integrity. Though he plans to retire this summer, we all know that ministers never really retire, but like old Soldiers they just “fade away.” I know he will be “doing ministry” until he takes his last breath.

While I was home, I had the chance to read some of

my family history. Before he died, my grandfather on my mom’s side wrote a short memoir on his early life. He grew up during the great depression and he described what it was like to not have a job and try to make ends meet. For a few years he was a “hobo,” jumping on trains, looking for a meal and some work. Frequently, he would catch “varmints” and sell their skins to make a few dollars. Eventually, he caught a break, got a job and worked hard to be sure he never had to live like that again. It was very enlightening to read his words, to read between the lines and imagine what life was like, and how that must have affected him. I can only imagine what life was like during that time.

Recently, I have heard politicians — both Democrat and Republican — compare our current economic situation in America to that time. I have heard that we might be in danger of going back to those days if some kind of “government bailout” does not pass.

This morning, I heard that Wall Street is down and that things do not look good. On our way to Ohio we stopped at several gas stations and they were out of gas, for a while I was wondering if we would be stranded somewhere in North Carolina, waiting for a fuel truck to show up. Like dark thunder clouds out on the horizon, it seems like hard times are threatening to pour down upon us. Those of us who are prone to worry seem to have a lot to keep them busy.

Despite all the concerns, I find encouragement in the life of my father and the experience of the generation before him. Difficult times will always come and go, whether we like it or not. But we should never forget that God is at work in and through it all.

As we walk in faith, we do not have to fear what the future may bring, we just need to do our part and follow his direction. He will help us, and one day we will have a story to tell our grandchildren.



Protestant

- Sunday
8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel (Gospel)
8 a.m. Bayonet Chapel (Hispanic)
9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Magruder Chapel
9:30 a.m. Main Post Chapel
10:45 a.m. Post-wide Sunday School (Main Post Chapel)
11 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel
11 a.m. Memorial Chapel
11 a.m. Chapel Next Chaplain School
- Wednesday 7 p.m. Gospel Mid-week Service Daniel Circle Chapel

PROTESTANT BIBLE STUDY

- Monday
7 p.m. Women’s Bible Study (PWOC — Main Post Chapel, Class 209)

- Wednesday
7 p.m. Anderson Street Chapel
7 p.m. Daniel Circle Chapel
7 p.m. Gospel Congregation’s Youth (Daniel Circle Chapel)
- Thursday
9:30 a.m.-noon Women’s Bible Study (PWOC, Main Post Chapel)
6 p.m. Neighborhood CMF/OCF Bible Study (Call 790-4699)
7 p.m. LDS Bible Study (Anderson Chapel)
- Saturday
8 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast (Main Post Chapel, (every second Saturday of the month in Chapel Fellowship Hall)

PROTESTANT YOUTH OF THE CHAPEL

- Sunday
5 p.m. Daniel Circle Chapel (1st & 3rd Sundays)
- Wednesday
6:30 p.m. Main Post Chapel

Catholic

- Monday-Friday
11:30 a.m. Mass (Main Post Chapel)
- Sunday
8 a.m. Mass (MG Robert B. Solomon Center)
11 a.m. Mass (Main Post Chapel)
9:30 a.m. Mass (120th AG Battalion Chapel)

- 9:30 a.m. CCD (Education Center)
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 12:30 a.m. Catholic Youth Ministry
- Wednesday
7 p.m. Rosary
7:30 p.m. RCIA/Adult Inquiry

Lutheran/Episcopalian

- Sunday
8 a.m. Memorial Chapel

Islamic

- Sunday
8-10 a.m. Islamic Studies (Main Post Chapel)
- Friday
12:30-1:45 p.m. Jumah Services (Main Post Chapel)

Jewish

- Sunday
9:30-10:30 a.m. Memorial Chapel
10:30-11:30 a.m. Jewish Book Study (Post Conference Room)

Church of Christ

- Sunday
11:30 a.m. Anderson Chapel

Latter Day Saints

- Sunday
9:30-11 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel

Addresses, phone numbers

- Daniel Circle Chapel**
3359 Daniel Circle, Corner of Jackson Boulevard, 751-4216
- Main Post Chapel**
4580 Strom Thurmond Blvd., corner of Scales Avenue, 751-6469
- Bayonet Chapel**
9476 Kemper St., 751-4542
- Family Life Chaplain**
4850 Strom Thurmond Blvd. (inside of Main Post Chapel), 751-5780
- Anderson Street Chapel**
2335 Anderson St., Corner of Jackson Boulevard, 751-7032
- Education Center**
4581 Scales Ave.
- Magruder Chapel**
4360 Magruder Ave., 751-3883
- 120th Rec. Bn. Chapel**
1895 Washington St., 751-5086
- Memorial Chapel**
4470 Jackson Blvd., 751-7324
- Chaplain School**
10100 Lee Road, 751-8050

Ask the MEDDAC commander

Periodic Health Assessments



Col. Nancy Hughes

Q What is a Periodic Health Assessment?

A The intent of the APHA is to improve and maintain the medical readiness of the Army by monitoring the health status and medical readiness deployability of every Soldier.

A health care provider will provide preventive health care services, counseling, treatment and testing as appropriate for each Soldier.

Q How often does the PHA have to be completed?

A PHA is an annual requirement and will become delinquent 15 months

after completing the last PHA. For example, if a Soldier completed his or her PHA Nov. 11, 2007, on Nov. 11, 2008, the Soldier's PHA will be amber until three months later and will become red (delinquent) in February 2009. This window provides the Soldier an opportunity to complete the PHA with a provider before becoming red/delinquent.

Q How does a Soldier complete the PHA?

A To complete the PHA, a Soldier completes the self reported health status through AKO. Once the forms are completed, save and call the Physical Exam Section at 751-7660/7669 to schedule an appointment. Soldiers without computer availability can complete their portion of the PHA at the PES.

Q What documents should the Soldier take to the PES?

A When you have an appointment with the provider, bring all medical records, profiles (both temporary and permanent), and proof of immunization (if required).

Q Whose responsibility is PHA?

A PHA is both the individual Soldier's responsibility and the commander's. Soldiers can ensure their compliancy by viewing their medical readiness indicators on AKO. Commanders can view the unit status reports and other similar reports on MEDPROS. If you have any questions or need assistance getting MEDPROS, call 751-2795. The medical SRP site, located at 2179 Sumter Road, can be reached at 751-7718/7749.

To submit a question, call 751-2291 or e-mail Nichole.Riley@amedd.army.mil.

Vaccine Shortage

MACH is experiencing a shortage of the Shingles vaccine (Zostavax), and will likely not have any for three to four months. For more information, call 751-0376.

Pediatric Flu Vaccine Clinic

The Moncrief Family Health Pediatric Flu Vaccine Clinic serves children from 6 months through 3 years old. The clinic is open 8-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., Monday-Friday and is located in the Family Health Center at Moncrief Army Community Hospital.

Flu Shots

Flu shots for children 4-18 years old are currently unavailable at Moncrief Army Community Hospital. MACH will announce when they become available.

Ways to sidestep credit card scams

Part 2 of 3: What to do after your credit, identity has been stolen

Capt. Vito J. Abruzzino
Legal Assistance Attorney

There is no single answer for what should be done after having one’s credit card information or identity stolen. While the perfect fix-all is not available, a few actions should be taken after realizing credit information or identity has been comprised.

The first step is to call the police. While calling 911 after the fact is an overreaction, calling the non-emergency line of the local police department is your first course of action. Let them know what has been stolen, what fraudulent charges have taken place, and who you think it might be. Any leads you provide will pay dividends at trial, if it gets to that point.

Be sure to obtain a police report and report any further unauthorized transactions. Credit card companies, banking institutions and credit reporting agencies are going to want this police report if and when they decide to conduct an internal investigation. In a majority of circumstances, these companies will require this police report to remove the unauthorized charges.

Secondly, begin calling the credit card companies and banks that you do business with. It is an excellent idea to keep all of the emergency numbers for your banking information in a safe place. The toll-free numbers on the back of the credit cards are not going to do you much

good if they have been stolen, along with the card, or your wallet. The sooner you contact the credit card companies and your banking institutions, the quicker they can put a fraud alert on your accounts.

This provides two benefits: One, the cards will no longer work and checks will no longer be cashed. Two, the tellers or clerks who encounter your stolen information will alert the authorities that perpetrators are trying to use your accounts. In addition, to stand any chance of having your unauthorized charges reimbursed, the credit card and banking institution must be notified of the theft as soon as possible. Often, if more than 36 hours have passed, they will not cover the fraudulent charges because of acquiescence on your part.

Next, put the credit bureaus on notice that your identity and credit information have been stolen. This will immediately put a “fraud” watch on your credit report. This action prevents the person or persons that stole your information from opening any new accounts or taking out a loan with your information.

Many consumers do not think of this step and only find out months later that a large loan has been taken out on their behalf and that they are now in default. Do not let this happen to you. At the first notice of fraud or theft, call Equifax, TransUnion, and Experian to let them know of the situation. This could save you thousands of dollars

Operation Hours

Fort Jackson’s Legal Assistance Office, located in the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, 9475 Kershaw Road, is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

For appointments, call 751-4287. The office accepts walk-ins for living wills, health care powers of attorney and durable powers of attorney, 1:30-4 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Walk-ins are welcome for general legal questions and are accepted 9-11 a.m., Thursdays.

in the long run.

Lastly, it is a good idea to keep a log of all the calls you make, all the reports you file, and any actions taken on your behalf by the police or financial institutions. Create something resembling a timeline so that you can properly inform parties about the status of your case and where things stand. This “log” will also help you keep things straight in an area that is already fairly confusing.

Editor’s Note: *Next week, we will discuss how to get things back on track and how to correct the harms that may have taken place during the time your credit and identity were used in a fraudulent manner.*

SPORTS/FITNESS

Fort Jackson scores low, wins big

Daniel Terrill
Leader Staff

The wet golf course did not stop Fort Jackson from retaining its title Saturday at the 3rd Annual South Carolina Military Challenge played at the Fort Jackson Golf Club's Old Hickory course.

Teams from Shaw Air Force Base, Parris Island, Charleston Naval Weapons Station and Fort Jackson competed for bragging rights, said Mike Casto, director of the Fort Jackson Golf Club. Each team hosts a game during the four-part tournament, which starts every spring.

Friday's showers created difficult playing conditions on the well-kept 72-stroke course, Casto said.

"There was no question there was a lot of mud on the balls," said Carl Hendrix, who plays for Fort Jackson.

Golfers play in either the gross division, where players use the traditional scoring method, or the net division, where players earn points based on certain shots and their handicap. Using the net scoring system, the higher the score the better, said Casto, who shot a 79 in the gross division.

The lowest six scores are used for deciding a winning team in the gross division and Fort Jackson had four of the five best gross scores of the game. Its two other low scores were less than 80 strokes.



Photo by Daniel Terrill

Bob Pulos, Charleston Naval Weapons Station, putts on the par-4 tenth hole of the Old Hickory course Saturday at the 3rd Annual South Carolina Military Challenge. Charleston won the tournament's net division.

"We trounced in the gross division. We had a strong team out there," said Hendrix, who finished second in the gross division. "We beat them pretty soundly."

Although Fort Jackson tied with Charleston Saturday in the net division, because Charleston held the lead from the four earlier games, their team was the

overall winner.

"We have a big group who comes out to these things, so we have a better chance of winning," said Mike Rogers, Charleston Naval Weapons Station golf professional.

However, the players matched their competitiveness with camaraderie.

"I enjoyed the company we had. The young fellow we had was good," said Shaw AFB's Woody Woodward about 13-year-old Billy Ferrell from Parris Island.

Both Woodward and Ferrell shot even in the net division.

Ferrell, whose father is a lieutenant colonel in the Marines, said he could have played better even on the wet course, but he has not played Old Hickory much.

"Best part of the day was my short game on all the holes. It really saved me a lot," he said.

But seasoned golfer Hendrix, who shoots even on the course regularly, said the opposite.

"I didn't make any putts, but I struck the ball pretty good," he said.

"Not making the birdie putts probably kept my score (one over par)."

The schedule for next year's tournament has not yet been determined.

Gross division top scores are: Tom Gaines, Fort Jackson, 73; Carl Hendrix, Fort Jackson, 74; Tom Bryant, Fort Jackson, 75; Joe Lowder, Fort Jackson, 75; and Larry Schultz, Shaw Air Force, 75.

Net division top scores: Larry Mason, Fort Jackson, +7; Joe Matalik, Parris Island, +6; Brian Baird, Parris Island, +5; Jim Johnson, Parris Island, +5; Danny Palumbo, Shaw Air Force Base, +5.

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Sports Briefs

Commander's Cup Bowling

A bowling tournament for active duty Soldiers is set for Monday-Wednesday at Century Lanes Bowling Center. Each battalion can enter up to three teams. Teams do not have to have the same members each day. For more information and to register, call 751-3096.

Sports Banquet

The Sports Banquet is scheduled for

11:30 a.m., Dec. 10 at the MG Robert B. Solomon Center. For more information, call 751-3096.

Volunteer Cheerleading Coaches

Volunteer youth cheerleading coaches are needed. Experience is desired, but not mandatory. Volunteers get the "coaches discount," when their own children also play sports — 100 percent for the first

child; 50 percent for siblings. For more information or to volunteer, call 751-5040.

Youth Basketball, Cheerleading

Registration will be accepted until Nov. 17 for youth basketball and cheerleading. The season for both runs December through February. Practices will be once a week for 4-7 year olds and twice a week for 8-18 year olds. Games are

played on Saturdays. The fee for basketball is \$40 for the first child and \$36 for siblings and includes a jersey, shorts and a trophy. The fee for cheerleading is \$30 for the first child and \$27 for siblings and includes a skirt, a top and a trophy.

Important Numbers

For youth sports, call 751-5610/5040; For golf information, call 787-4437/4344; For sports information, call 751-3096.